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1. The amendment filed on 03/13/06 includes amended, independent claim 15 to what now appears to be the non-elected species, i.e., Fig. 7a-7b and/or 18a-18b, which are the only illustrating the step of stopping said lateral cutting of said at least one edge and cutting the central portion transversely to the conveyance direction whereby said edge portion entrain said central portion through said channel into the processing line. Applicant has failed to clarify that this claim is ready on the non-elected species creating an ambiguity. Clarification of the record is required. Applicant's attention is directed to the original election requirement received on 07/11/03.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE. Also, the step of opening the lids of the channel to allow the central portion to be entrained along said conveyance direction into the processing line reads on Fig. 7a-7b and/or 18a-18b.


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